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# MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

## FINAL EXAMINATION

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**LEG0015 – ESSENTIALS OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1**

(All sections / Groups)

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( 2 Hours )

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **TEN** pages with **TWO** sections only.
2. Shade your answers for **Section A (Questions I and II)** on the OMR sheet.
3. Write your answers for **Section A (Questions III and IV)** and **Section B** in the Answer Booklet.

**SECTION A: TENSES [40 MARKS]****Question I**

**Instructions:** For questions 1-10, identify the **BEST** answer.

1. The surgeon \_\_\_\_\_ to us when he has finished the surgery.  
A. talked  
B. will talk  
C. has talked  
D. has been talking
  
2. Benjamin: What \_\_\_\_\_ at this exact time last year?  
Caroline: I \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins in Cambodia. They were fantastic!  
A. did you do ; toured  
B. did you do ; was touring  
C. were you doing ; toured  
D. were you doing ; was touring
  
3. While Monica was walking back to her hostel, she \_\_\_\_\_ into an old lady who \_\_\_\_\_ on the street.  
A. runs ; begs  
B. ran ; begged  
C. ran; was begging  
D. was running ; was begging
  
4. Marina is a professional singer. She \_\_\_\_\_ in the opera every season.  
A. sings  
B. is singing  
C. is going to sing  
D. has been singing
  
5. By the time Iskandar finishes his studies, he \_\_\_\_\_ over RM60,000 to pay for his education.  
A. borrows  
B. will borrow  
C. has borrowed  
D. will have borrowed
  
6. In the Pacific Ocean, various species of whales \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of miles each twice each year.  
A. swim  
B. swam  
C. will swim  
D. have swum

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7. Wardah: Do you see that man? I \_\_\_\_\_ him. He was my high school Math teacher.  
Nadiah: Oh my god! \_\_\_\_\_ he Encik Rahman?  
A. recognise ; Isn't  
B. recognise ; Wasn't  
C. am recognising ; Isn't  
D. am recognising ; Wasn't
8. Everyone makes mistakes in life. I \_\_\_\_\_ lots of mistakes in my life and the most important thing \_\_\_\_\_ to learn from one's mistakes.  
A. made ; is  
B. have made ; is  
C. have made ; was  
D. have been making ; was
9. The company and the union finally \_\_\_\_\_ on salary increment three weeks ago. Since then, the workers \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied with the decision made.  
A. agreed ; have been  
B. agreed ; were being  
C. had agreed ; have been  
D. have agreed ; had been
10. Geraldine: How long \_\_\_\_\_ here in the sun? You \_\_\_\_\_ like a burnt toast! You had better get out of the sun.  
Michael: Okay, mom.  
A. have you sat ; looked  
B. have you sat ; are looking  
C. have you been sitting ; look  
D. were you sitting ; are looking

(10 marks)

## Question II

**Instructions:** For questions 11-20, identify the **CORRECT** answer based on the statements or rules given.

11. Which of following statements is grammatically correct?  
A. Nancy has been seeing the same movie for three times already.  
B. Harlem has been working on his report for two hours before Alex called.  
C. By the time Christy finished her project, she will have been using her computer for six hours.  
D. When Jackson wanted to pay for the DVD at the counter, he realised that he had left his wallet at home.

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12. Which of the following statements shows a **habitual action**?
- A. We will be visiting Busan, Korea in mid-December.
  - B. The shopping mall and its tenants will close in ten minutes.
  - C. That store charges too much for its imported food and beverages.
  - D. My supervisor is going to purchase a new laptop for me next week.
13. Which of these sentences shows a **past action which continues to the present**?
- A. The weather has been especially warm and sunny lately.
  - B. Eric did not complete his reading quizzes until last midnight.
  - C. Chang completed three assignments and two group projects last month.
  - D. Over the last five years, David has downloaded many songs on his computer.
14. Which is the **main clause** of the sentence below?
- Larry is going to work in a law firm as soon as he graduates from law school.*
- A. he graduates from law school
  - B. is going to work in a law firm
  - C. Larry is going to work in a law firm
  - D. as soon as he graduates from law school

15. Which of the following tenses is **NOT** used in the following excerpt?

Many Ancient Greek sites and ruins that have survived until today are among the most famous landmarks in the world. The Acropolis in Athens stands tall as a testament to Ancient Greek achievement. Yet there is a multitude of Ancient Greek sites and Ancient Greek places that are still able to be seen today, some equally as famous while others are ignored by the masses. Once you've explored the list of the sites of Ancient Greece, you can use our itinerary planner tool to plan your trip and then print off a free pocket guidebook. This indispensable holiday guide will help you make the most of your time exploring Ancient Greek ruins. Our database of historic places is growing all the time, but we may not cover them all.

Source: <http://www.historvius.com/ancient-greek-sites-and-ruins/pe113>

- A. simple past
  - B. simple present
  - C. present perfect
  - D. present progressive
16. Which of the following functions reflects the usage of the italicized verb in the sentence below?
- Barry *is going to start* his new job at Multimedia University next week.
- A. refusal
  - B. prior plan
  - C. prediction
  - D. willingness

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17. Which of the following sentences BEST matches the following statement?  
*The classroom was already spotless when the principal came in.*
- The students have been cleaning the classroom for an hour.
  - The students had cleaned the classroom when the principal arrived.
  - The students were cleaning the classroom when the principal arrived.
  - The students had been cleaning the classroom for an hour when the principal arrived.

18. What is the difference between these two sentences?

**Sentence 1:** Sammy was waiting for us when we got off the plane.

**Sentence 2:** While I was busy attending to my clients, several colleagues of mine were busily typing email and talking on the phones.

	Sentence 1	Sentence 2
A.	An ongoing action in the past	An action was taking place before the other
B.	Two actions taking place simultaneously in the past	An action was completed before another was taking place
C.	An action was taking place when another occurred	An action was taking place at the same time as others
D.	An action was taking place at the same time as another	An action taking place when another occurred

19. Which of the following statements differentiates between the present perfect tense and the present perfect progressive tense?

	Present Perfect	Present Perfect Progressive
A.	Specific time is mentioned	No specific time is mentioned
B.	It is used for situations that are in progress at the time of speech	It shows the duration of a past action
C.	It states an action which began and ended at a particular time in the past	It uses 'since' and 'for' to show the duration of an ongoing activity
D.	It is used for situations that began in the past and continues to the present	It emphasises the duration of an activity which is still in progress

20. Which of the following tenses fits the following statement?  
 In order to state **the duration of an action which will be completed before a particular moment in the future**, we use the \_\_\_\_\_ tense.
- simple future
  - future perfect
  - future progressive
  - future perfect progressive

(10 marks)

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### Question III

**Instructions:** For questions 1 – 20, fill in the blanks with the correct tense. The verbs are given in the parentheses.

#### Shinzo Abe to Become First Japanese Leader to Visit Pearl Harbour

Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (**say**) said (0) on Monday that he would visit Pearl Harbour, becoming the first sitting Japanese leader to go to the site of Japan's attack 75 years ago that pulled a stunned United States into World War II. He will travel to the American naval base with President Obama during a trip to Hawaii on Dec. 26 and 27.

By visiting Pearl Harbour, Mr. Abe (**reciprocate**) \_\_\_\_\_ (1) a historic trip Mr. Obama made in May to Hiroshima, where the United States dropped a nuclear bomb at the end of the war with Japan in 1945. No sitting American president (**visit**) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) the city previously. "We must never repeat the horror of war," Mr. Abe said on Monday. "I (**want**) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) to express that determination as we look to the future, and at the same time send a message about the value of U.S. – Japanese reconciliation."

Mr. Abe's visit will come just a few weeks after the 75th anniversary of the attack, which (**occur**) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) on Dec. 7, 1941. Carried out by Japanese bombers and fighter planes launched from aircraft carriers that had quietly slipped within striking distance of Hawaii, the attack (**kill**) \_\_\_\_\_ (5) more than 2,000 Americans and sank a number of United States warships, including the battleship Arizona, whose wreck has become a memorial to the battle.

Politicians there still pay homage to the "heroes" of Pearl Harbour — meaning the Japanese aviators and others who (**die**) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) in the attack. There is a museum exhibit in their honour at Etajima, an island off Hiroshima, that once served as the Imperial Japanese Naval Academy, a Japanese equivalent of the United States Navy's training academy at Annapolis. For decades, politicians (**be**) \_\_\_\_\_ (7) reluctant to make any statement resembling an apology for the attack, which many in Japan argue was the natural outgrowth of an American-led oil embargo that would have starved the Japanese empire.

Back in August, Mr. Abe's wife, Akie, (**pay**) \_\_\_\_\_ (8) a quiet visit to Pearl Harbour and the Arizona memorial, fuelling speculation that her husband would follow, although Japanese officials (**maintain**) \_\_\_\_\_ (9) that there was no plan for him to do so. Mr. Abe did not elaborate on Monday on his plans for the Pearl Harbour visit, which will be carefully choreographed with American officials. He said he (**hope**) \_\_\_\_\_ (10) to "comfort the souls of the victims." Several American veteran groups said they welcomed Mr. Abe's visit, regardless of whether he apologizes or not.

*Adapted from* Soble, J. & Sanger, D.E. (2016, December 5). Shinzo Abe to Become First Japanese Leader to Visit Pearl Harbour. The New York Times.

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### Google Is Going All in on Renewable Energy

Google expects to purchase enough renewable energy to cover its entire operation for the first time ever next year, the company **(announce)** announced (0) last Tuesday. Beginning next year, the company **(purchase)** \_\_\_\_\_ (11) about 2.6 gigawatts of wind and solar energy annually (enough to more power more than 1 million homes) to power its office and data centre operations around the globe. The nature of the electric grid means the company cannot ensure that its facilities only use renewable energy, but the company **(contract)** \_\_\_\_\_ (12) with renewable producers to add wind and solar capacity to the grid. This **(mean)** \_\_\_\_\_ (13) that Google's consumption does not result in any increase in electricity use from fossil fuels.

Google's announcement is the latest indicator of how quickly renewable energy sources **(become)** \_\_\_\_\_ (14) a competitive alternative to fossil fuels. The cost of solar power per unit of electricity, for instance, is now 1/150th of what it **(be)** \_\_\_\_\_ (15) in the 1970s and costs the same as electricity produced from coal and natural gas fired plants in many places, according to a Bloomberg report. Gary Demasi, the company's director of global infrastructure and energy, **(say)** \_\_\_\_\_ (16) that when the company's executives first set a 100% renewable target in 2012 they had no idea how quickly they could achieve it. "The cost curve **(come)** \_\_\_\_\_ (17) down regardless," he says. "We didn't know it would come down so quickly."

Google, whose data centres across the globe consume large quantities of energy, **(explain)** \_\_\_\_\_ (18) the choice to go renewable as a business decision first and foremost. Contracts to purchase renewable energy help the company avoid the highly-variable costs of fossil fuels that affect the bottom line of other energy-intensive industries.

Beyond business concerns, meeting the renewable target will also delight environmental groups that **(call)** \_\_\_\_\_ (19) on corporations to help make up the gap between government commitments to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and the level scientists say is needed to address climate change. Since then, more than 80 large companies including the likes of Facebook, Nestle and Walmart have promised to go 100% renewable in the coming years. Data from the Climate Group, which organizes a coalition of companies pursuing 100% renewable energy, **(suggest)** \_\_\_\_\_ (20) that if all companies made such a pledge global carbon dioxide emissions would fall by as much as 15%.

*Adapted from* Worland, J. (2016, December 6). Google Is Going All in on Renewable Energy. Time Online Magazine.

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**Question IV**

**Instructions:** For questions 1 – 10, create **ONE** sentence using the verb in the form of tense stated below. The sentence must fulfill the usage or function of the required tense and the minimum number of words in each sentence is five. You should include time reference words and underline the verb in the sentence.

Example:

0. *begin (Simple Present Tense)*

*The aerobic session usually begins at 7 p.m. every Friday.*

1. attend (Simple Present Tense)
2. happen (Simple Past Tense)
3. approve (Simple Future Tense)
4. save (Present Progressive)
5. practise (Future Progressive)
6. shrink (Present Perfect)
7. travel (Past Perfect)
8. repair (Future Perfect)
9. learn (Present Perfect Progressive)
10. rise (Future Perfect Progressive)

(10 marks)

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**SECTION B: SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]****Question I**

**Instructions:** The following extract contains 11 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 10 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

<b>EXAMPLE:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Line</b>	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
	0	3	suffer	suffers

**Hashimoto's Disease—Here's What You Need to Know**

Gigi Hadid made a surprising revelation this week. Despite working out like a boss and doing her best to eat healthily, she has dealt with her fair share of metabolism struggles. That is because she **suffer** from Hashimoto's disease, and this disease is an autoimmune condition that cause thyroid damage.

- 5 "My metabolism actually changed like crazy this year," Gigi revealed at Reebok's Perfect Never event in New York City, according to People. "I have Hashimoto's disease. It is a thyroid disease, and it have now been two years since I started taking the medication for it."

- 10 According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hashimoto's disease is about seven times more common in women than in men. People who are diagnosed with this disease typically has family members with thyroid or other autoimmune diseases. It can occur in teens and young women, but it show up more commonly in middle-aged women, the organization says. Having that said, Gina Rodriguez and Victoria Justice has also said they suffer from the  
15 condition.

- "A person develops Hashimoto's disease when his or her body creates antibodies that fights against the thyroid gland," says Melanie Goldfarb, M.D., an endocrine surgeon and director of the endocrine tumour program at John Wayne Cancer Institute at Providence Saint John's Health Centre in Santa Monica, Calif.  
20 "People may not even notice the symptoms—which includes constipation, feeling cold and rundown, and having difficulty concentrating—at first, as they're not super obvious," says Goldfarb. "Eventually, though, your thyroid won't function as well as it could, and as a result you'll likely start noticing some seemingly unexplainable weight gain," she says.  
25 "That often brings people into the doctor's office, where diagnosis happens through a blood test that measure the levels of the thyroid hormone and thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) in your body," says Supneet Saluja, M.D., an endocrinologist at Baltimore's Mercy Medical Hospital.

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Sometimes, doctors take a wait-and-see-approach with Hashimoto's disease. "Having the condition itself don't necessarily mean that you're going to have symptoms or that your thyroid is not working," Goldfarb explains. Doctors will typically give patients a blood test each year to check their thyroid hormone levels and, if they start to drop, they'll prescribe medication like levothyroxine to help them re-stabilize.

And yes, experts says it is totally plausible to have Hashimoto's disease and still be healthy. "Once your body is producing the right amount of thyroid hormone, everything should be back to normal," says Saluja. In addition, any weight gain that occurred because hormone levels were out of whack should drop off once they are back in proper working order.

*Adapted from* Miller, K. (2016, December 9). Gigi Hadid Has Hashimoto's Disease—Here's What You Need to Know. Women's Health Magazine Online.

(10 marks)

## Question II

**Instructions:** Using the words given in the box, fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb in **Simple Present Tense**. Use each option **ONLY** once.

decorate	complain	make	ride	require
sound	increase	be	be	know

- Running marathons \_\_\_\_\_ discipline, endurance and strength.
- My friend told me that Italian \_\_\_\_\_ similar to Spanish and Portuguese.
- Two thousand five hundred miles \_\_\_\_\_ the distance between Seattle and New York City.
- Neither the private investigators nor the police \_\_\_\_\_ where to look for the stolen diamonds.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ times when Bob has seriously considered changing his major at the college.
- Two-thirds of the cyclists in the competition \_\_\_\_\_ for one hundred kilometres without breaks.
- A number of FAST broadband subscribers \_\_\_\_\_ about the appalling speed of the broadband at its headquarter in the U.S.

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8. The myth about eating disorders being exclusive to women \_\_\_\_\_ it more challenging for men to seek treatment.
9. Beginning with an illumination ceremony in early December, the authorities in Ottawa, Canada \_\_\_\_\_ the Parliament Buildings in dramatic lights.
10. Pre-diabetes \_\_\_\_\_ the risk up to ten times for developing eventual Type 2 diabetes with its dire rates of heart disease, stroke, blindness, nerve damage, kidney damage and limb amputations.

**(10 marks)**

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